

APRIL 2026

COMMUNITY UPDATES



For families at Queen Mary, Ridgeway, Westview, Larson, Queensbury Elementary Schools



North Shore Neighbourhood House Youth Services

The goal of the North Shore Neighbourhood House Youth Program is to provide youth services to our community through our various neighbourhood locations and through partnership with other community service providers. We believe youth are valued members of our community; we work to support young people in a variety of ways, including community outreach, activities, drop-in programming, and more.

Our goal is to make you feel safe, supported and respected. Our Youth Outreach Workers provide one-to-one support, guidance and referrals in a non-judgemental way.

NSNH Youth Outreach is available for you to access in both the District and City of North Vancouver.

A Youth Outreach Worker can support youth and their caregivers through challenging issues:

- One-to-one support (temporary or ongoing)
- Family issues
- Providing advocacy and information
- Referrals to other services, and lots more!

NSNH Youth Centre Drop-In

Wednesdays & Thursdays 3:00-8:00pm

Fridays & Saturdays 3:00-10:00pm

Youth Centre at JBCC, 145 West 1st Street

Youth Centre Program Coordinator, Renee

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Settlement Workers in Schools (SWIS)

The SWIS program is a school-based outreach program that helps newcomer students and their families settle into their North and West Vancouver school and community.

Parent Support Programs

The Settlement Workers in Schools program offers a variety of group workshops and information to support parents.

These programs provide essential information about preparing your children to be successful in school, supporting their mental well-being, and more.

Whether your children are just starting kindergarten, in elementary school, or in high school, the SWIS Team is here to help.

Family-School Communication

SWIS workers can help your family communicate effectively with schools through in-person meetings with school staff, support with written communication, and more.

Ongoing

Language: English, Farsi,
Mandarin, Ukrainian

Location: In-Person and Online

Phone: 604-988-2931

Email: swis@impactnorthshore.ca

For more information visit
impactnorthshore.ca



School Age Programs

Spring 2026 recreation programs for the school age and families at the North Shore Neighbourhood House:

Private Piano Lessons- 6 to 15y

Enrich your child's mind through the joy of piano playing! In this class we will learn scales, rhythm, melody and harmony, how to read notation and play simple songs with 1 or 2 hands together in a relaxed and flexible environment at your child's own pace.

April 11-June 16, 2026

Tuesday or Saturday

Private Guitar or Piano Lessons 6 to 14 y

Guitar: This is a class that requires no previous experience on guitar. We will learn basic chords, and scales. Please bring your own guitar

Piano: In this class we will learn scales, rhythm, melody and harmony, how to read notation and play simple songs with 1 or 2 hands together in a relaxed and flexible environment at your child's own pace. Please indicate to cpoole@nsnh.bc.ca whether it's guitar or piano.

April 16-June 19, 2026

Thursdays 4-7pm

Register online at www.nsnh.bc.ca
Recreation Activities

Visit nsnh.bc.ca for more
information.



The Polygon Gallery

Kids First on Saturday + Sunday

Come get creative on the first Saturday and Sunday of the month with a day of art-making and fun at The Polygon Gallery. The projects are geared towards children ranging in age from 5 to 12 years old, though there is no age requirement to participate. All children must be accompanied by an adult.

This month's activity is inspired by James Harry's Eye of the Ancestor.

Admission is by donation, courtesy of BMO Financial Group. Suggested amount: \$10/child or \$20/family. Always free for members.

**May 2, 2026 at 10:00 AM to May 3,
2026 3:00 PM**

Advance registration is helpful. Walk-ins always welcome until 2pm. Please RSVP. We can't wait to get creative with you!

Visit thepolygon.ca for advance registration and more information.



School Age Programs & Activities

NVRC offers various programs and activities at different locations:

Circular Looms: weaving on CDs

Join NVRC artist in residence Mariana Frochtengarten, to explore the fundamentals of circular weaving using recycled CDs as looms. This accessible, hands-on activity invites participants of all ages and abilities to experience the meditative rhythm of weaving while experimenting with patterns and material. No previous experience is required. Participants may create a woven piece to take home and are welcome to continue weaving additional pieces to contribute to a collaborative community artwork. The collected weavings will form part of a larger installation created by the artist.

Saturday May 9, 2026

10:00am-11:30am

Parkgate Community Centre

Ukrainian Dance 6-10yrs

In a welcoming, warm, and inclusive environment, join dance instructor Svetlana to learn Ukrainian dance- a combination of folklore and athleticism as well as a display of grace, strength, agility, and fitness. It's also great fun! Svetlana is a professionally trained dancer, from the Ukraine, who is excited to share this national treasure with you. No special shoes are necessary. Bring a water bottle.

Wednesdays May 20-June 17, 2026

4:15pm-5:00pm

John Braithwaite Community Centre

For registration and more information visit nvrc.ca



Music at the Museum

Special Programming as part of Pay What You Can Day

Experience a delightful fusion of spirited voices and fiddle tunes, with North Shore Choirs and North Shore Celtic Ensemble, whose dynamic musicians weave Celtic, folk, classical, and jazz traditions into vibrant performances.

Sunday May 3, 2026

11:00am-2:15pm

All Ages

Pay-What-You-Can

Don't have time to register? Drop-ins welcome!

Visit monova.ca for more information.



Lego robotics

Join us as we learn about robotics and coding using the Lego Robot Inventor kit and app. Build your own robot, then explore some basic coding concepts to bring your robot to life!

This is a program for youth in grades 4 - 7. Preference will be given to those who have not yet taken the workshop.

Registration is required.

Attendance on all three dates is required. Registration will open 2 weeks before the first session.

Questions? Contact info@nvcl.ca or [604-998-3450](tel:604-998-3450).

Registration will open Wednesday, April 22, 2026 at 2:02 am

Wednesdays May 6-20, 2026

4:00-5:45pm

First floor program room

Visit nvcl.ca for more information.

